

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Anderson, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on March 17, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

ANDERSON, Paul, Chair
HARDER, Bobbie, Vice Chair
HANSEN, Rick, DFL Lead
AGBAJE, Esther
BURKEL, John
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
JACOB, Steve
LAWRENCE, Bryan
LEE, Fue
NELSON, Nathan
SMITH, Andy
VANG, Samantha

Representative Harder moved the minutes of March 12, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Gander joined the committee remotely.

Representative Hansen introduced Member-Elect, David Gottfried, to the committee.

Representative Harder assumed the gavel at 1:02.

HF 2155 (Anderson) Rabies and livestock sales provisions repealed.

Chair Anderson moved HF 2155.

Michelle Medina, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, testified on the bill.

Chair Anderson renewed his motion that HF 2155 be re-referred to the General Register.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Anderson assumed the gavel at 1:04

HF 1524 (Harder) Agriculture grant program established to promote certain nutrient management practices.

Representative Harder moved HF 1524 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Lee Helgen, Minnesota Crop Producers

Amy Robak, Lead Environmental Specialist, Centra Sota Co-op

Representative Harder renewed her motion that HF 1524 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 821 (Jacob) Nitrate private well mitigation funding provided.

Representative Jacob moved HF 821.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Jay Eidness, Senior Staff Attorney, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
Avonna Stark, Clean Water Action Minnesota

Chair Anderson laid over HF 821.

HF363 (Jacob) Property tax credit established for certain acres certified under the Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program.

Representative Jacob gave an informational presentation on the bill, currently in the Committee on Taxes.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Brad Jordahl Redlin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union

HF 1677 (Nelson) Funding provided for the developing markets of continuous living cover crops program; reports required.

Representative Nelson moved HF 1677 to be laid over.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Peter LaFontaine, on behalf of Chris Abbot, Agriculture Policy Manager, Friends of the Mississippi River
Missi Blue, Owner, SturdiWheat
Kurt Kimber, Board Member, Perennial Promise Growers Co-op
Colin Cureten, Director of Commercialization, Adoption and Scaling, University of Minnesota Green Initiative

Chair Anderson laid over HF 1677

HF 1292 (Huot) Beginning farmer tax credits eligibility expanded.

Chair Anderson moved HF 1292 be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes.

The following individuals testified on the bill.

Hunter Pederson, Minnesota Farm Bureau
Jenny Heck, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Chair Anderson renewed his motion that HF 1292 be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The committee adjourned at 2:34.

Representative Paul Anderson, Chair

Connie Edwards, Committee Legislative Assistant